

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 14, as follows:

Actually, as the above mentioned active substances[[,]] contact a user skin, they prevent perspiration from generating bad smells or odors, while allowing to "cover" and eliminate smoke, kitche and domestic pet bad odors.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 26, as follows:

~~For aiding the efficiency of~~ To provide the above esters with an improved efficiency, the following ~~ether~~ additional active principles and components are added: essential oils and aliphatic alcohols such as linear or branched chain undecanol, bactericide surface active agents, including, for example, zinc and magnesium derivative compounds, such as Zinc Coceth Sulphates, also commercially known as Zetesol Les 3Zn, zinc ricinoleate, acylglutammate from C8-C10 fat acids, commercially called Protelan AG8, and t other surface active agents obtained from octyl acid and glycerin of a Sensiva SC50 type, trichloro hydroxy diphenyl ethers and dichloro hydroxy diphenyl ethers.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 2, line 21, as follows:

To ~~provide optimum effects~~ further improve the deodorizing effects of said cleansing and/or aiding agents, it is also possible to include antioxidating materials, such as tocopherol and propylgallate, and anti-perspiring substances, such as ammonium salts.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 3, line 1, as follows:

For better understanding the ~~exploited invention mechanism, it would be useful to briefly disclose~~ the human perspiration controlling mechanism will be briefly discussed herein below.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 3, line 4, as follows:

Actually, as is known, ~~a main cause of~~ bad human body smells are due to gland secretions, in particular ~~of~~ from perspiration and sebaceous glands.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 3, line 7, as follows:

Perspiration glands ~~can be divided into~~ comprise eccrine glands, ~~usually present in a comparatively of high amount on the~~ hand palms, foot backs, forehead and forearms, which however are ~~devoid of any not~~ related to the human relationships with the pile-sebaceous apparatus, and system, but have an apocryphal nature, and[[.]]

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 3, line 13, as follows:

~~Said perspiration glands~~ are essentially concentrated in the axillary, perianal and breast regions.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 3, line 16, as follows:

Their secretion activity is a continuous one, ~~and~~ ~~is~~ not controlled by the human nervous system.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 3, line 25, as follows:

A bad odor is formed in a later time, because a bacteric attack against the microflora present on the skin[.] such as

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 3, line 28 as follows:

~~The microbial flora involved in the above-mentioned degradation process is mainly constituted by~~ the saprophyte microflora, substantially comprising gram positive bacteria, aerobic and anaerobic bacteria, and, in a less degree, gram negative bacteria, yeast and mycetes.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 4, line 2 as follows:

The lipid enzymatic activity of saprophyte bacteria causes a decomposition of the gland secretions, to produce free fat acids, i.e. substances having a ~~characteristic~~ rancid and pungent smell, such as butyric acid, caprinic acid and ~~isovalerianic~~ isovaleric acid.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 4,
line 8 as follows:

The ~~proposed~~ inventive mechanism, ~~which~~
~~constitutes the causes subject matter of the present~~
~~invention,~~ provide that alpha and beta hydroxy acid
ester molecules deposited on the cloth or fabric
materials[[,]] and contacting the enzymes elaborated
by the skin saprophyte microorganisms, are to be
decomposed to aliphatic alcohols and odorless alpha
hydroxy acids, thereby preventing said enzymes from
degrading perspiration, and generating the above
mentioned short chain fat acids, ~~which are~~ .
~~responsible of the body bad smell.~~

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 4,
line 18 as follows:

~~Owing to the above mentioned mechanism,~~ Thus
clothing articles, pre-washed by the above mentioned
washing cleansing and aiding agents, formulated as
above disclosed, are preserved in an odorless or
slightly odorous condition, even after an intensive
sports activity.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 4,
line 24 as follows:

To improve the efficiency of the above
mentioned esters, it is possible to further include
therein bacteriostatic and/or bactericide surface
active substances, such as ethers obtained from octyl
acid and glycerin, and having smell masking
properties, fat substances including body smell

masking fragrances, ~~and fragrances~~ adapted to prevent ~~any enzymatic degeneration~~ degradation and mask or cover smoke, ~~and~~ kitchen smells or domestic animal smells, odorous molecule inorganic sequestering substances, odorous molecule organic sequestering substances, anti-oxidating, anti-perspiring substances, such as ammonium salts, essential oils and aliphatic alcohols, in particular linear or branched chain undecanol[[.]]having

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 7 as follows:

~~The latter have~~ synergic properties against a perspiration microbic degeneration.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 16 as follows:

The invention also provides to add the above mentioned specific active principles or substances[[,]] ~~adapted to provide the above disclosed functions,~~ to washing bases or washing and ironing aiding agents or substances[[.]],

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 21 as follows:

[[In]]in particular, ~~the above mentioned active principles can be added~~ to softening, stain removing agents, and sizing and whitening substances[[.]], in thr form of

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 24 as follows:

~~The latter products can be constituted by~~
liquids, gels, powders, tablets and single-dose
packets.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 7,
line 15 as follows:

Other useful active principles or substances
which ~~can be also added~~ comprise bacteriostatic
and/or bactericide surface active agents, surface
active substances such as ethers obtained from octyl
acid and glycerin, smell masking substances, i.e.
fragrances for covering body smells, fragrances for
preventing any enzymatic degeneration and fragrances
for covering smole or kitchen smells and domestic
animal smells, odorous molecule inorganic
sequestering substances, odorous molecule organic
sequestering substances, such as ammonium salts,
short chain isomeric aliphatic alcohols, for example:
aliphatic alcohol, linear or branched chain.
undecanol.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 8,
line 1 as follows:

Optimum results have been practically obtained
by adding the above active principles, in the above
mentioned weight rates, to a series of washing
bases[[],] ~~as these disclosed~~ in the following
indicative Examples.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 13,
line 4 as follows:

~~In the case of the powder~~ Powder cleansing agents for washing clothing articles either by hand or in a washing machine, ~~a preferential formulation provides~~ will preferably comprise ~~to use~~ two or more of the following components in the indicated by weight rates:

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 14, line 4 as follows:

A preferential formulation for ~~[[a]]~~ washing liquid aiding agents having a softening activity, ~~provides to use~~ will comprise the following components in the indicated by weight rates:

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 15, line 1 as follows:

~~It should be noted that a high number of~~ Many experimental tests have been carried out for evaluating the formulations of the above disclosed Examples 1, 2, and 3~~[[.]]~~, which

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 15, line 5 as follows:

~~The~~ tests have been performed "in blind" on families including at least a member performing ~~[[an]] intensive sports activity.~~ , and asked

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 15, line 8 as follows:

~~The above mentioned statistic samples have been asked~~ to wash for at least five consecutive times the

~~clothing worn cloth articles worn in their sports activities, and upon having used them, their sports which, after use and before washing, to close them in a plastics bag up to the~~ have been enclosed in plastic bags for a following day.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 15, line 14 as follows:

After this period, the ~~bag was opened and the bags were opened to evaluate the cloth articles smell and intensity thereof were evaluated, according to an~~ evaluation scale

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 15, line 16 as follows:

~~An evaluation has been asked, rated by the from~~ numbers 0 to 5, 0 representing odorless sample and 5 a strongly odorous sample, based on the following parameters:

1. ~~the~~ smell intensity after the first washing
 2. ~~the~~ smell intensity after five washings
- The evaluation was unanimous for all the examined families, and the average values and related comparisons were as herein below indicated:

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 15, line 23 as follows:

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Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 16,
line 8 as follows:

Following washing operations ~~increase~~
increased the amounts of active principles deposited
on the fabric fibers and, accordingly, ~~increase~~ the
deodorizing properties thereof.

Kindly amend the paragraph that begins at page 16,
line 15 as follows:

In ~~particular~~ , fact the invention provides a
product comprising active principles, including alpha
and beta hydroxy acid esters and aliphatic alcohols
which can be added to cleansing ~~agents~~ and washing
aiding agents for clothing articles, which product is
very practical and functional and hinders any
enzymatic activities of ~~the~~ skin microbic and
bacteric microflora, ~~which would be responsible of~~
bad smells of clothing articles.